

SENATOR WIGGINS IS CONGRATULATED

On His Ability in Handling Contested Election Case.

SAVES STATE TIME AND MONEY

House Refuses a Recount on Any of the Contested Election Cases Brought Before it.

Senator Wiggins' colleagues in the senate are patting him on the back and congratulating him this week upon the speedy and square manner that the recount committee, of which he was chairman, handled the contested election case of Holbeck vs. Rosenkrans in the 14th senatorial district.

Gross charges of errors, discrepancies and irregularities had been made by the contestant, who prayed for a recount of all the votes in the counties of Shiawassee and Ingham, which anyone can readily see would have cost the state no little amount of money, as well as delaying the work of the present session.

Sensor Wiggins persuaded the contestant to agree to withdraw the case in the event no material error was proven after counting the two precincts in which the contestant claimed the gravest errors had been made.

It took but a short time to cite in the city clerk of Lansing, with the ballots of the two precincts in question, and the contestant was soon shown the error of his way, and the state was saved the necessity of counting all the voting precincts of the two counties.

Where contests are filed in such cases, as Senator Wiggins stated, some specific charge of fraud or error should be shown, rather than a blanket charge, which, as a rule, questions the integrity and honesty of every election board in the district.

The contest was settled satisfactorily to all parties, the contestant acknowledging that he was fairly beaten, and the action taken shows the present senate of Michigan, with its republican majority, indisposed to adopt any steam roller tactics on their democratic or bull moose brethren.

At the present time perfect harmony seems to prevail among the different factions in the senate, all professing the sincerest desire to support legislation which will benefit the greatest number of people, whether introduced by democrat, republican or bull moose, and do away with the reactionary idea of voting "along strictly party lines."

Up to this time it looks as though the democrats and bull moose would have to look to their laurels, if they want any credit for real progressive legislation, as republican members of the senate have already introduced bills covering the minimum wage, public utilities, blue sky laws, state insurance, safety of employees and many other measures which received the limelight in the last campaign. It only goes to show that the real republicans of Michigan are just as progressive as the staunchest supporter of the so-called progressive party.

We hope the present balmy outlook holds good throughout the session and that the representatives of all parties continue to work for the interests of the people, rather than to further the interests of any political party.

Representative Weidenfelder is wearing a broad smile these days on account of the action of the house of representatives in refusing a recount on any of the contested election cases brought before it.

SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Notice of Special Meeting of Stockholders of Paw Paw French Draft Horse Association.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Paw Paw French Draft Horse Association will be held at the law offices of Glenn E. Warner, in the court house, in the village of Paw Paw, Michigan, on Saturday, the 18th day of January, 1913, at one o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of hearing the report of the officers, of considering and acting upon the proposition to sell all the assets of said corporation and to dissolve said corporation, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Dated, January 8, 1913.
D. SPICER, Secretary.
CHARLES W. BARNES, President.

If your children are subject to attacks of croup, watch for the first symptom, hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off. For sale by Lodgwell Bros. adv

SHOWS INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

The Annual Report of the Register of Deeds Shows Largely Increased Business for 1912.

The annual report of Register of Deeds Henry E. Shaefer shows an increase of business as compared with 1911, of \$148.18, the receipts of the office for the fiscal year just closed amounting to \$2,838.27. The total number of instruments placed on the records of the county was 4,332, the total number of folios constituting instruments was 26,347, equivalent to 2,634,700 words. The instruments recorded consisted of 1,954 deeds, 32 patents, 34 wills, 302 affidavits, 34 decrees, 57 land contracts, 873 mortgages, 685 mortgage discharges, 185 assignments and 65 orders of probate determining lawful heirs, the others being miscellaneous matters of various kinds. Since Mr. Shaefer assumed the duties of the office two years ago there has been a constant and continuous increase of business with a prospect of a still greater increase during the next two years.

Announcement.
I have my offices now in the Maynard Block where I will be pleased to perform for my clients any legal services they may desire.
DAVID ANDERSON.
Dated Jan. 1st, 1913.

A GOOD TIME COMING.

The very helpful institutes which were held at Almena last winter are already planned by the committee, and the first one will be held at the Almena Methodist church Wednesday, January 22. It will be an all-day meeting with dinner served by the Ladies' Aid. This part of the program is greatly enjoyed by all, for those ladies are famed for their culinary art. Watch for the program next week. Come early for you can't afford to miss an hour of that day.

If you have questions on farming send them by post at once to a member of the committee, R. O. Smith, E. H. Miner, S. Burns and O. Egar.

NOTED SPEAKER TO VISIT PAW PAW

A Story of Facts, Illustrated with Beautiful Colored Views. Opera House Next Tuesday Evening.

The story has to do with the struggle for enough to eat and should have been told years ago.

"The Dawn of Plenty" pleases all classes—city as well as the country—children and grown-ups. It is a different sort of entertainment and Mr. Frank Stockdale is different, too. That is why he is called



Frank Stockdale

"The Mirthful Orator with a Message"

At this day and age where the subject of feeding 90,000,000 of people who wake up every morning hungry, and many of them—we should be ashamed to say—go hungry to bed; nothing matters so much as larger and better supplies from the farms. That's why the farmers and educators are taking so much interest in this drama.

Prof. D. C. Ridgley of Illinois State Normal University, Normal, Illinois, wrote the following on Nov. 4, 1912: "The pictures are certainly very fine; Mr. Stockdale made the address a very strong one. We appreciate the opportunity of having had this lecture. I shall mention it to the school principals and superintendents as I have the opportunity. I feel it is just the kind of a lecture that ought to be given widely in our villages and small cities where agriculture is a dominant factor in the community. It is of equal value also in the larger cities where the population should know more than they do with reference to agricultural pursuits and progress."

Prof. A. H. Robertson will introduce Mr. Stockdale and tell the audience some of his plans regarding an agricultural course which he hopes to add next year to the regular high school work.

Taking it all in all this entertainment will be one of the most delightful that ever came to Paw Paw.

How About This?

It is not too late to make new resolutions. There are plenty of leaves to be turned yet; Parents, you remember how well you were received by the teachers in the schools the last time you visited them. It is a help to the teachers to have you take an interest and gives you an opportunity for becoming better acquainted with the men and women who are interested in your children. The schoolroom is the teachers' reception room. Call upon them there and promise them your co-operation and support.

Stories of Long Ago

JOHN D. SHERMAN.

The nature of humanity is the inclination to change. No matter where we live or what our surroundings, whether we are prosperous or otherwise, we are born with a spirit of unrest and the desire to explore. The state of New York gave up many of her sons to Michigan for this reason.

Among the people coming west a great many years ago was a boy, little more than a baby, who had little to say about the selection of a home for himself, but having come with the rest of the family, has never deserted, though nearly 70 years have passed since that time.

John D. Sherman was a native of Leroy, Genesee county, New York. He was born in 1837, and we know that he was only seven years of age when his parents came to this place with two other small children. His father traded a New York farm for a general store here, as every store was at that time, and was located where E. Smith & Co. do business today. At the back of the store was an addition or annex which was called a porkery in that day. The proprietor bought pork from the farmers and packed it for sale and conducted quite a business.

The boy's school days were begun in the old Godfrey house on Main street. His first teacher was Mrs. Godfrey. School was afterward "kept" in the old porkery building and Mr. Sherman also attended there with Miss Philura Warner as his instructor.

When the family first came to Paw Paw the locality that we now call Main street was simply a stagnant pond inhabited by lizards, frogs, snakes, etc., and covered with pond lilies. This was in 1844, but there were a number of business houses here, among them Stevens & Darling, Nathan Mears, Willard & Mifflin. The Old Exchange was the inn that took care of the travelers. This hotel was located where the Dyckman house now stands, but was later moved onto Main street and in 1860 was destroyed by fire. The Dodge tavern was another hostelry that did business here in the early days of Paw Paw. This house had the reputation of being one of the finest eating houses between Detroit and St. Joe. This was the verdict of the traveling public. This town was called the city in the woods, being amidst a forest of oak trees and grubs. The younger generation can hardly believe that there was at that time not a maple tree to be seen, all of these beautiful trees that are our pride now, having been set out by the inhabitants of those times. This is the way of the world—we reap the benefit of the sacrifice and labor of those who planned this beauty spot, but few of them lived to enjoy the full consummation of its loveliness.

John Sherman, upon reaching young manhood, developed a marked tendency for business and clerked in his father's store, and also was a clerk in the hardware store of E. G. Butler, then located where we "talk to Waters." He was afterwards in the grocery business and burned out. In relating the circumstances of the fire Mr. Sherman said that every man was looking for another man who had a team and would give almost any price to have a load of merchandise

taken beyond the limits of danger—and would load up a wagon without scarcely taking a look at the driver. Consequently the man behind the team absently minded kept on driving and has not been heard from since.

When 23 years of age he was married to Miss Helen Belfy, formerly of Byron, N. Y., but who had moved to this country a couple of years before. A son and daughter were born to them within the next few years, and they are both living at home with their parents at this time. They are Henry and Lula May Sherman.

Mr. Sherman, after being in a number of lines of trade, took up the seed and grain business, starting a store of this kind about the year 1888, and has been engaged in this line continuously since that time. He bought the old court house and moved it to its present location on Main street, where he can be found morning, noon and at nightfall, either in his office doing the many things connected with the clerical part or around the building taking part in the physical labor of unloading hay and grain, as the case might be. One would doubt the assertion of Mr. Sherman's 75 years if they depended upon the appearance of the man, but he assures us that his birth occurred in 1837.

One interesting occurrence related bearing on the time of this early immigration to and from this country follows: The trip made by the elder Sherman was with horses from their home to Batavia, then on to Buffalo, where they boarded the "United States" for Detroit. The boy was wonderfully impressed with the flag floating from the mast and was filled with patriotism, an impression that still has its effect upon him.

The "cream" horses were the pride of the whole family and could not be left behind, so that settled the question of how they should reach Buffalo. This little story deals with the fate of the team, so we will take up the tale where a man by the name of Butler, then living near here, a few years after the arrival of the Sherman family had an attack of homesickness which reached the malignant form, and he simply had to go back to his native New York or die.

He made his plans to go and go at once, sacrificing everything, and among other deals that he made recklessly was to offer his farm of 200 acres to the owner of the cream horses. All he asked for the land was the exchange for the horses, wagon, harness and a few other minor things to go with it. The deal went through—and so did the team. In going from Detroit to Buffalo by boat a terrific storm came up and everything was in a turmoil. The boat was heavily loaded with freight and the captain ordered all of this kind of weight thrown overboard. It was bad enough to see household goods go into the sea, but when the awful tidings reached the passengers that the boat was still unsafe, the horses, too, had to be sacrificed. Messages were written and fastened to the horses' necks, telling those on shore, if they happened to reach land, how it happened. One of the cream horses was discovered alive, but was useless, while the fate of the other was unknown.

Farm, horses, household goods in exchange for the privilege of living in the old scenes.

Can't Keep out of the Game.

Billie Killefer is obliged to take a vacation from his labors as a ball player during the season of ice and snow, but he is so inoculated with the germs that he has slight attacks of the disease occasionally which prevents him from walking gracefully. Last Monday the streets and sidewalks were covered with ice so that it was next to impossible to keep your footing, as many people proved to their dissatisfaction, while vainly trying to maintain their equilibrium.

Billie was down near the waterworks looking at the scenery, and all of a sudden his sporting blood commenced to circulate. He was at the top of an incline—with the river running peacefully at the foot. You'll never guess what happened, so we're going to tell you. Billie started to "slide"—realized the situation and grabbed frantically at a post, caught it on a fly and was safe.

CLERK'S OFFICE SHOWS DECREASE

Receipts in Office of County Clerk Slightly Less Than in 1911. Also Fewer Marriage Licenses.

The receipts of the county clerk's office show a falling off as compared with the previous year, the figures being \$1,389 for 1911 and \$1,270 for 1912. This may indicate that the people of the county are becoming more peaceful and less inclined to be litigious, and then again it may not.

There were 291 marriage licenses issued in 1912 as against 312 in 1911, which indicates that our people are still marrying and giving in marriage, the slight variation in numbers being negligible.

The divorce mill continued to be in good running order during the year and shows no indications of wear and tear. Fifty-three divorce cases were commenced in the circuit court within the year and 39 decrees were granted. The ratio of divorces to marriages was as one to seven and one-half, which would appear to indicate that Cupid is far from being accurate in shooting his darts and often fails to make a center shot at the matrimonial target. In the 53 cases of legal dissolution of the marriage tie, the wives were the complaining parties in 34 and the husbands in 19. No doubt that in many of these cases the divorce was sought by either one or both of the parties for the express purpose and with the deliberate intention of speedily entering into new matrimonial relations. If the law of the land, not only of one, but of all the states, were such that divorced parties could not legally marry again for a term of years, there would be fewer people appearing in the divorce courts.

Notice.
All persons who know themselves to be indebted to me are requested to call at the Maple City Grocery store and settle. A prompt payment is earnestly desired.
491* MRS. E. H. LINDSEY.

PAW PAW WILL LOSE POPULAR YOUNG LADY

Engagement of Miss Clara Luther to Mr. Howard Lawrence of Lake Odessa is Announced.

Miss Adah Stoughton was hostess to a jolly party of young ladies at her home last Friday evening, January 3. The party was designated as an announcement party, which was an enigma to the ones who were not in the secret. The Misses Ethyl Fox, Mable Chaffee, Elizabeth Lofts, Beatrice Bale, Clara Luther, Nola Peacock and Miss Florence Hall of Benton Harbor were the guests. The evening was very delightfully spent with music and games.

The table decorations were very pretty and unique. In the center of the table was a clever imitation of a pie filled with birds. On the neck of these birds was fastened a little note tied by baby ribbon leading to each cover where they were fastened to place cards. After the refreshments the guest at the left of the hostess pulled on the ribbon that held the little note for her, reading it aloud. The little birds told each of them some little gossip concerning a certain girl at the table and they were to guess who it meant. For instance: "A little bird told me that there is a bride elect at this table," etc. The description of the lady was given, but no name mentioned. The hostess promised a prize for the one guessing the name correctly, and Miss Elizabeth Lofts solved the mystery. Miss Stoughton then announced the engagement of Miss Clara Luther to Howard Lawrence of Lake Odessa. Punch was then served and a toast proposed. All rose to their feet and drank to the happiness and health of the bride to be. The time for the wedding has not been announced.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Southwestern Michigan Rod and Gun Club will be held at Hartford, Saturday, January 11, at 10 a. m. A full attendance is desired.

W. C. WILDEY, Sec.

CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED

A pretty home wedding occurred beneath an arch of pink and white carnations Tuesday evening, December 24, at the home of Wm. Brott of Grand Rapids, when his son, Ora Brott, was united in marriage to Miss Lola Pierce of Hartford, Rev. Geo. W. Dutcher officiating. The bride carried white bridal roses and was gown in white embroidery voile over light blue silk. They are at home to their friends at 24 Lexington avenue, Grand Rapids.

The bride has made her home the last three months in Paw Paw with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brott, and has made a number of friends here who join in congratulations.

COUNTY SOLONS ARE IN SESSION

Regular January Session of Supervisors At Court House This Week

OFFICIAL REPORTS RECEIVED

Board Accepted Invitation from Kalamazoo County Board to Visit That City, Yesterday.

The board of supervisors convened Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The two bonds of Harry Cross, one as county clerk and the other as register of chancery and the bond of Henry Shaefer, register of deeds, were approved by the board.

An invitation from the board of supervisors of Kalamazoo county was extended to the board to meet with them January 9, and the invitation was accepted.

Tuesday at 10 o'clock was set aside for the election of two members of the board of supervisors to attend the state association of the board of supervisors which meets at Lansing, February 4, 5 and 6.

Friday at 10 o'clock was set aside for the discussion of the Good Roads System.

A communication from the board of supervisors of Saginaw county in regard to petitioning the state to erect a state house of correction in place of the one at Detroit, was read and laid upon the table.

TUESDAY, JAN. 7.
The county treasurer's report was received and referred to the proper committee. The report showed total receipts for the year, \$278,696.62; disbursements, \$274,741.52; balance on hand, \$3,955.10.

Treasurer's bond fixed at \$65,000; bond presented and approved. Supervisors Young and Berger were elected as delegates to the state association of supervisors.

Report of committee to settle with county clerk presented and adopted.

The committee on general claims presented a partial report, which was adopted.

Coroner Cady's bond presented and approved.

The committee to settle with the register of deeds presented its report which was accepted.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to fix compensation for burial of soldiers, their wives or widows at not to exceed the sum of \$55.00.

The committee on general claims submitted a further partial report, which was adopted.

The committee on justices' and constables' claims submitted a report, which was accepted.

THURSDAY, JAN. 9.
The board went to Kalamazoo, as the guests of the supervisors of that county.

Tax Notice.
After January 10 I will be at the store of H. C. Waters & Co., Fridays only. The balance of the time at my home.
491f R. L. Futtie.

FINDS HEIRLOOM WANTS TO ADVERTISE

But Decides He Had Better Not When He Discovers Locket Belongs to His Own Wife.

The Northerner has had one more disappointment that cost a quarter to start in the year 1913. Of course we lay the blame on the unfortunate 13, but a quarter is worth its full value in this "dull season" and we propose to tell you about it.

The telephone ring and a man's voice glibly gave us a notice for the classified column, stating that he had found a gold locket. "Oater can have same by paying for this notice." This is where we began to get interested.

The man explained that the locket must be an heirloom—old, a picture inside, etc., and was valuable to someone, and undoubtedly pictured in his mind some excited, fashionably dressed, gushing female who would compliment him upon his honesty and congratulate him upon the fact of the jewel having fallen into the hands of this nice man. This was the picture: The locket belonged to the man's own wife. This was the fact: The nice man called up and said in a half-hearted way, "You may kill that ad about the locket," and rung off. This paper has been bunched out of a bunch of money. This is the tragedy: Misery Hathaway of liking company, and we know that if we were disappointed that the finder of that locket had a jolt too. His own wife! 1913.